

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 1-5 and 7-19 have been amended. Claim 6 has been cancelled. New claim 20 has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In particular, the recitation of “preferably” in claim 1 was deemed to render the scope of the claim unascertainable. Claim 1 has been amended to remove this recitation and thus it is respectfully submitted that the rejection to claim 1 has been overcome.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 6 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The subject matter of claim 6 has been substantially incorporated into base claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that as amended, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-5 and 7-19 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the same reasons as claim 1, and for the specific limitations recited therein.

New Claims

New claim 20 substantially incorporates the subject matter of claim 1 and claim 16. Claim 16 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations

of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 20 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this matter to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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